

REVIEWS and ABSTRACTS



FRUIT AND NUT VARIETIES FOR VIRGINIA

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The first paragraph of the section on varieties in this bulletin presents some very important observations which fruit growers should consider in selecting the kinds to be included in a new planting. "The success of a commercial fruit planting depends to a considerable extent on the choice of varieties. Popularity of a variety is influenced by the preference of both grower and consumer. Productiveness and ease of growing, handling, and storing contribute to the financial success of the grower."

Tables in the first part of the bulletin contain useful information on planting distances, age of bearing, yield, season of ripening, preferred age and quality of planting stock and number of plants required per acre.

Apple and Peach Varieties

Golden Delicious, Delicious, Wine-sap, Stayman, and Rome Beauty are listed

as the main commercial apple varieties. Other varieties for special purposes are suggested. The importance of pollination is stressed. Descriptions of 15 apples are included.

Six varieties of peaches are recommended for commercial planting: Golden Jubilee, Southland, Halehaven, Sullivan Early Elberta, Elberta and Shipp's Late Red. Nine other varieties are described briefly for special purpose planting. In addition, Dixired, Ambergem, Redskin, Triogen, Sunhigh, and Fairhaven are described as new varieties of promise.

Other Fruits Discussed

Material on pears, cherries, plums, grapes, raspberries, strawberries, blueberries, persimmons, and nuts complete this bulletin. The information on these fruits is quite abbreviated and may not satisfy the reader who desires rather complete knowledge of their good and bad points. The more important varieties are listed and in some cases described very briefly.

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